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4. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Bautzen-Litten airfield between 9 and 16 October 1954:

9 October. Between 0800 and 1500, several Yak-11s made cross-country flights. They returned after about 1 hour.

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10 October. No air activity was seen.

11 October. Between 0830 and 1600, cross-country flights were made by Yak-11s flying in elements of two. Between 1530 and 1545, 2 Yak-11s were heard flying over the field. The planes apparently performed aerobatics which was inferred from the noise of the engines.

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12 October. There was no air activity.

13 October. Between 0800 and 1600, cross-country flights of 1 to 2 hours duration were made by Yak-11s which flew individually and in elements of two. Between 1000 and 1030, the same sound of aircraft engines was heard over the town as on 11 October.

14 October. Between 0800 and 1500, Yak-11s made local flights and cross-country flights in elements of two.

15 October. Between 0700 and 1530, cross-country flights were made by aircraft flying individually and in elements of two. At 1330, 2 Yak-11s took off at an interval of about 500 meters. The aircraft headed west. At 1335, a Yak-11 circled over the field once within about 3 minutes, then crossed over it at an altitude of about 300 meters and headed west. Four Yak-11s were parked in front of the second hangar from the east and 1 Yak-11 in front of the fourth hangar. No aircraft were seen in the two hangars which were open. The other hangars were closed. At 1430, 2 Yak-11s circled over Bautzen. Eight Yak-11s were counted at the field.

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16 October. No air activity was seen. 1

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3. Small scale excavation work was under way near the fuel dump at the field. ²

4. The following observations were made at the field on 19 and 20 October:

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19 October. A single-mast antenna was observed at the eastern side of the runway. A radio truck, 4 trucks and 4 sedans were parked next to the mast. A Yak-11 [] was also observed in the vicinity. About 35 soldiers who apparently received instruction were seen near the motor vehicles and the aircraft. Yak-11s [] practiced flying up to 1600. []

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The two Yak-11s [] made formation flights and circled wide over the field. Take-offs in elements of two were made. The interval and distance between the two planes was one wing span. Between 0900 and 1000, a formation of 4 Yak-11s headed east at an altitude of 250 meters. The aircraft flew in echelon to the left and right with an interval and distance of one wing span. At about 1000, an element of 2 Yak-11s headed east at an altitude of about 250 meters. There was an interval and distance of [] spans between the 2 aircraft. Another formation of 2 Yak-11s was seen.

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20 October. At about 0800, 4 Yak-11s approached from an unidentified direction and crossed over the field at an altitude of about 250 meters. The aircraft flew in one formation, made local flights and then disappeared from view while heading north. The interval and distance between the individual aircraft was 2 wing spans. At 1100, another formation of 4 Yak-11s made a gliding approach at the field. The aircraft came from an altitude of 30 meters at an angle of about 30 degrees and then climbed to an altitude of 350 meters at an angle of 10 degrees. The dives were repeated several times. After about 30 minutes, the Yak-11s headed toward the east individually. At about 1100, 6 Yak-11s repeatedly took off in elements of two. []

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The individual elements took off at an interval of about 200 meters. The aircraft headed east. Take-offs, landings and short local flights were continuously practiced until 1500. []

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Wide local flights were also made. During the air activity, 7 trucks and jeeps and 1 sedan were parked at the eastern edge of the runway. A single-mast antenna was again observed, up to 3 Yak-11s and 30 VDA members were often seen at the take-off point. Student pilots obviously took off from there. Air activity was discontinued about 1500, the aircraft landed and were towed into the hangars. Six Yak-11s were counted.

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6. A radio installation of 4 masts and a single-mast antenna were located near the temporary buildings with a tower. ³

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At about 1600 on 19 October, a motor vehicle column moved from the field toward the Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen.

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8. Little construction activity was observed in the southwestern section of the field behind the wall around the field. Holes were being dug presumably for the installation of underground fuel containers. No concrete lanes to the site were under construction. The previously reported excavations along the newly established by-pass road east of the field to the autobahn were connected with control works on a stream. No improvement work was observed at the field. 2

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1. Comment. Bautzen-Litten airfield is still occupied by the 2nd and 3rd Bns of the Aeroclub Bautzen. Air activity by Yak-11s shows the previously reported status of pilot training. The markings on trainer aircraft of the Aeroclubs were previously reported several times.

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2. Comment. Work on the fuel dump at the field is to increase the storage capacity. It was not observed that a concrete runway was under construction.

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3. Comment. The radio installation of 4 masts and the single-mast antenna near the flight control station were previously reported.

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